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Lamar Oct 9th / 860.

Dear Bailow.

I had made every arrangements to go with Mary to see you, but I am now not able to be out of bed, I am extremely anxious to be with you and if I am able I will meet you at Raymond on Monday. Miss and Rebecca has been sick with the Prick Bone fever, Lowndes went down and spent a week, and since he returned has been sick with it, and I have been with him since Sunday, and I greatly fear I am taking the same disease, I am suffering greatly from sick stomach and violent pain in the head, with vomiting. The great object I had in going down was to prevent an other administration on the Raygan estate, the administration of Messrs Edwards and Lowndes having ceased, and there being no minor heirs to Dr Henderson's estate there can be no possible necessity for further administration, you need no administrator ^{or} guardian.

to take charge of your interest, in said
estate, I think you are quite capable of
managing your own matters, & that
and that you should not place
yourself in a position, to be worked
on by your enemies to your own
injury, and their benefit, you are
now in possession of the property
under the will, the administration
having ceased, why should it be
revived again for the benefit of those
claiming ~~and~~ under the late act of
the Legislature. If the will be legal
there can be no question as to ~~the~~
your ^{heirship} ~~being~~ order of the legal heirs.
Should you allow an other
administration, you may meet
with much difficulty, the Court
may refuse to grant an order for
the sale of the property, consequently
you will be stopped from further
proceedings for how long who
can tell, you will not be able
to ~~make~~ & advertise and sell the
property legally, without an order
from the court, in consequence
of which you will not be able

To wind up the business in two years,
or perhaps ^{not less than} in twenty, and should go
at the end of that time be defeated
by the combined forces of fraud
perjury and misconstruction, what nice
your condition be? A set of blood hounds
let in on you, like vultures, will prove
up him and send upon you, in such
amounts as to make a clean sweep
of you ^{and} all your friends and securities
connected with you, should they be
worth five times as much as they
^{now} are. Now if your present able council are
not willing to take hold of the
matter and bring it to an
immediate close employ others
that are willing and meet them
like a bul at Raymond a Monday
and emphatically refuse any
further ^{administration} responsibility by yourself
or your friends, and should they
proceed against you commence
proceeding against them (you would
certainly have the same right). For
heavy damages for ~~and~~ interfering
with your rights, and impeding
your progress, and will then up
to heavy securities make them

show their hand and see who ~~are~~
they are, and go to work in earnest,
and if the estate has to be spent
at law spend it at once and
be done with it, and not spend
the most important part of your
life in litigation, keep out of
danger, employ good, ^{able} and safe
council that are willing to work.
Have a construction of the late act
of the Legislature and should the
transfer of the ^{state} ~~estate~~ make ^{illegitimate} heirs
to the Raygar estate, why then try the
loyalty of the will, if the will be
established that will be an end
of the matter, this should all
be done immediately or as soon
as possible, and no further ~~liabilities~~
liabilities incurred by you, I am no
lawyer you know but have
some idea of common justice,
I feel great anxiety for your prosperity
and welfare, and I further know
that you have nothing to gain
by delay, but much to lose,
your enemies have all to gain and
nothing to lose, hence the anxiety

of immediate action and decision,
I am not capable of making legal
points but only in my way suggest;
notwithstanding my views are
concerned in by those of high legal
attainments, I hope you will be
able from what I have said to
understand my views, comprehend
my ideas, and if the same should
meet yours, why then go to work
according to circumstances, refusing
further administration by all
possible means, and use every
endeavour for immediate decision
Should my views not meet with your
approbation, act according to your own
best judgement and council.